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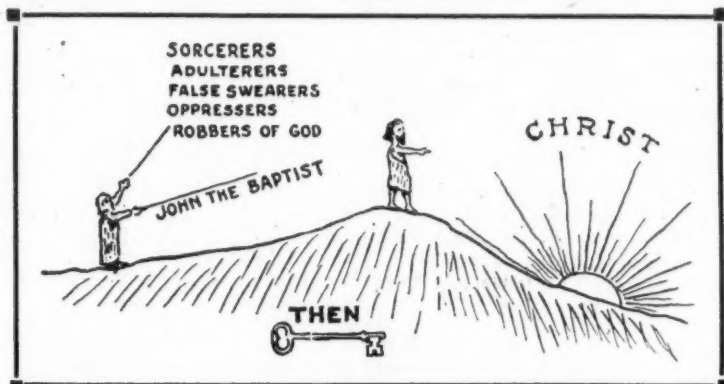
"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Let Us Be Strong And Of Good Courage.



MALACHI INTRODUCES JOHN THE BAPTIST

AFTER JOHN'S DAY, NO MORE SORCERIES NOR ROBBING GOD

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

There is no doubt that tithing is a Bible doctrine and was carried over from the law dispensation to the Gospel dispensation, yet many want to justify themselves of their non-payment of tithes by saying that it belongs to the law and was enjoined upon the Jewish nation by Malachi, therefore does not apply to us.

It is true that Malachi admonished the Jews to get back to paying tithes, an ordinance which they had neglected and by so doing they were robbing God and bringing distress upon the nation.

Moses told the host of Israel that "all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord."

Jacob paid tithes of all he possessed and God prospered him for it. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedec who was doubtless Jesus Himself. Abraham is referred to as the "Father of the faithful." Then if we are faithful followers of the Word of God we are children of our Father Abraham, then if we are children of Abraham we will do the things that Abraham did, even to paying tithes to Jesus.

The Key to the Third Chapter of Malachi

You will notice in the picture a man at the left pointing with two pointers, one to some abominable things the children of Israel were doing. The other pointing to a man standing on a mountain top, he is pointing to the rising sun. The man at the left represents Malachi pointing to John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Son of righteousness (Jesus). How do we know that Malachi had reference to John when he uttered the prophecy "Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me."

We know because Jesus when referring to John said, "This is he, of whom it is written, Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

Where do we find this written? Answer. In the third chapter of Malachi and no other place. Then if the chapter refers to the forerunner of Christ and the Gospel dispensation it does not refer to tithing alone with the Jews within the law dispensation, but to tithing within the Gospel dispensation.

You will notice on the picture a key at the foot of the mountain. This key is to unlock the tithe treasury to the Church of God in the Gospel dispensation. It was once open under the law but the Jews backslid and in their backslidings they withheld the tithes from God's house.

We consider that the little word then is the key word to this chapter, just as the phrase "That day" is the key phrase to the prophecies of Isaiah. Let us notice verses 16, 17, 18. "Then they that feared the Lord." One of the charges Malachi gave against Israel was that they feared not God. That proof of their not fearing God is that they had gone into sorceries, adulteries, false-swearing, oppressing the hireling and robbing God. These are the practices of those who fear not God.

Let us notice that the Messenger is to prepare the way before Jesus. He also states that the Lord will suddenly come into His temple. Paul says that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. When he comes into the

temple He purges and purifies. After which the people may offer an offering in righteousness. See V. 3. Then the offering of Judah shall be pleasant as in former years (when they were under the law). Then the sons of Levi will no more practice sorceries, adulteries or even rob God. Why? Simply because after the days of John who was the greatest of the prophets God's law will be written in men's hearts. Those who are given to the law of Christ will gladly cease from sorceries, adulteries and robbing God. Why? Because they are the sons of Levi Spiritually speaking.

Sons of Levi

In the days of the old law the Levites were the special officials of the tabernacle, also of the temple.

The priests were of the Levites. The guards at the temple gates, also those guarding the sanctuary were Levites. They kept the furniture clean, also prepared the showbread. They examined the lepers. The singers were also of the Levites.

Levi had three sons, Gershon, Kohath and Merari. At the building of the tabernacle eight thousand six hundred Kohathites played an active part. They had charge of the ark, showbread, candlesticks, altars of burnt offering and incense, the sacred vessels and the veil.

The Gershonites had charge of the curtains, coverings and hanging for the door and of the court. They also had charge of taking down and setting up the tabernacle.

The Merarites had charge of the planks, bars, pillars, and sockets, pins, cords and tools.

This shows that the entire work of the tabernacle belonged to the Levites. The same order was carried over to the temple. The same is also carried to the Spiritual temple, (the Church of God).

Those who fear God

There are several orders of the ministry in the Lord's service. They are to be a purified ministry. When? On the other side of John from Malachi during the Gospel dispensation.

As the Levites had no possessions or business for their support, they of course were to receive tithes.

We will repeat that the offering of Judah will be pleasant to the Lord. As Judah means "praise" God's entire people this side of John the Messenger will be a people of praise and if

PRAYER MEETING IN HELL

An aged minister fancied that he had committed the unpardonable sin. At last, after much conflict, he submitted to what he mistakably considered was the will of God, for him to be lost. Then something within him whispered:

"Suppose there is a hell for you, what would you, with your disposition and habits, do there?"

The quick answer was, "I would set up a prayer meeting," and with the words came the light of God to show him the absurdity of it all. The fact one fears that he has committed this sin is the sure proof he has not.—D. L. Moody.

they are able to keep the victory and have a spirit of praise it will be on the condition that they fear God and keep His commandments. Malachi says that those who fear God shall speak often one to another and a book of remembrance shall be made. Yea they admonish one another that they continue to fear God. If some should slacken their duty to God someone will discern their shortcomings and admonish them. Let us use the key again. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

What shall the Lord do to those who fear God and serve Him? The seventeenth verse will tell us. They shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a son that spareth his own son that serveth him.

Now my dear Brethren I think that this should be clear enough, that none of us should err any more in thinking that Malachi 3d chapter does not apply to the Gospel dispensation but to the dispensation of the law.

To The Pharisees In The Gospel Dispensation

Jesus said to the Pharisees that

they ought to have paid tithes and not left off judgment, mercy and faith. Luke adds love to the list. Jesus explains to these proud Jews that they had the outward part of God's order, but they should get the love of God within their lives until they could have real faith, mercy and right judgment. Other words, these very important Spiritual graces are necessary, but the outward manifestation of tithing ought to accompany them.

What did Paul say to do about the matter? He said, lay by you in store on the first day of the week according as God hath prospered. One might say, "I am willing to do this, but how may I know how to estimate and regulate this?" Malachi tells how to do it when they come to Paul's day, the Gospel dispensation. He said bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.

The store house today is the Church of God, not the temple as under the law.

We commented on the third chapter of Malachi before the Assembly and illustrated it. Some have asked us to put it in the Evangel. We may run it in tract form, you can get them for a small sum if we do.

It would be well for every pastor to supply his church.

LET'S GO! WHO?

All the Pastors, All the Deacons, All the Evangelists, and All the Lay Members in the State of Fla.—Go Where?—to Work

What can we do? Do right. How long? As long as you live. Now inasmuch as we have been appointed overseers of the Churches of God in the State of Florida this year, we shall endeavor to serve you to the very best of our ability. We had a good year last year, but come on now and let's make this year far better than last. We can do it, don't you think so? I know we can. I believe we will.

Now I will say in the first place I am very sorry that we haven't got churches enough to go around for our preachers, and several of them have no work. We would be glad we had a good church for everyone of them that would take care of them, but we haven't, so we can't help it. If you haven't got a church this year, just do your best anyway, and get out all you can and fire the woods with the Gospel of Jesus Christ till you get enough converts to get a church in order, and if a few will do that next year or maybe in this year you will have a good church to pastor. Somebody is going to have to get out and do some Evangelistic work if we keep work for the ministers. You may hit it hard sometimes, but remember we have all had to travel this road, and when we get thru we will be glad we went this rugged way, for Jesus was with us all the way. Now let me say right here, we have secured the valuable service of our esteemed Brother John L. Stephens as State Evangelist. I would not know where to start to find a better one, we all know he is able to do a great work on this line, and let me say to any place needing his service, you will do well to get in touch with him, and as he goes to your place and labors hard for the Cause, please stand by him in every way, and take care of him with your money, prayers, and cooperation in every way. I believe you will do this.

Now again let me say to the Pastors, most of you know of the Mission proposition, that has been mentioned in the Evangel by our General Overseer, that each local church is to raise in freewill offerings five percent of the amount of the Tithes paid by the local church, and fifty percent of this will be sent to the General Treasurer at Headquarters, and the other fifty percent to be used in the State. Please don't forget this now, but get busy at once, as this fund is greatly needed now. Some of our preachers are already working at this and are making a fine showing, others can do the same. I know one good pastor who made a proposition to his flock like this, he said you come on now and let's raise this mission fund. He said I will pay half of it myself, and they are coming right on and last Sunday they over-went their amount, but remember you don't have to stop at five percent, you can raise just as much as you can, and we especially insist that every pastor

in the State of Florida keep this matter before his church every Sunday and let's do something for the Lord this year that will count. This means big churches, little churches and middle size churches and all churches together. If you are not doing much in the way of paying Tithes this is a good way to get interested, and show what you can do. Now if you love the Church of God like you said you did come on and prove your faith by your works. We believe you will. I believe you will all agree that this is a good plan, that the Assembly has passed on. If we believe it a good plan then let's work at it with all our might, and you will see how God will bless your efforts, and supply your every need as well.

Now there is another matter that we want to mention just here. You may think we are mentioning too many things but we are not. You must remember that this is the Church of God, the biggest thing in this world and we have, by the help of the good Lord, won the final victory in the Litigation, and now must take care of our financial obligations.

Now you remember the big new Tabernacle at Wimauma, and that we are in debt for several thousand dollars yet. It must be paid as soon as we can take care of it. Now I want every pastor to take this matter up with his folks and do his best to help us raise this amount this year. We can do it and no one be badly hurt, there are enough members in the State to pay this off and no one feel it much, if everyone will get interested in the matter. I want everyone of the pastors to become a booster for this fund. Don't take "no" for an answer, keep right in before your flock. Some use the expression "keep in behind them," but I say "keep in before them and show them the need of this and the possibility of it &c," and the first thing you know it will be raised, but if you listen to discouraging talk, they will say, "We are in debt at our own church and we must pay that, &c." That may be true and we want them to pay that, but we can pay it all if we will get after it and become as interested in it as we should. Now let's start this at once and get all you can and send it in as fast as you can to our Treasurer, S. T. Wadsworth, Wimauma. We will thank you in advance for your efforts and success in this matter, and don't forget any of this important work. It may seem like it is a little hard to start with, but as you get into it, it won't seem so hard, and I am sure the Lord will bless every effort.

Now another thought just here is that when I was writing about the mission proposition I forgot to mention that the treasurer, for the fifty percent of the Mission fund that is to be used in the State is to be sent to S. T. Wadsworth, the Treasurer of this fund too, but always state plainly what the money is for, whether missions or tabernacle, or what it is for, so there will be no mistake. May

A STATEMENT FROM J. P. HUGHES

To the Council of the Church of God and all who may be concerned:—
Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Upon viewing or rather reviewing my work as a Minister of the Gospel, for the past two or three years, and not seeing such results as I have had in previous years, neither finding such results as I feel should follow my efforts in the Master's service I deem it my duty to change my field of labor, or in other words work among and with another people aside from those whom I have been working with. And, whereas, I have examined the teachings, customs and government of other pentecostal organizations and have been invited to work in another field, but as I believe the Church of God to be more Scriptural in its government, and whereas I have been asked and invited, by some of the ministers and laymembers of the Church of God to come back and work as I once did and whereas I believe it to be on a more Scriptural and safer basis than it has in previous years, and as I can heartily endorse the acts of the 21st and 22d Annual Assemblies in repealing the Constitution and other measures adopted, I have decided to offer my service in the interest of the Church and if it is desired and accepted I will give such service in the spread of the Gospel and promotion of the work of the Church as God will make me able to give.

I have been contemplating making a change for sometime and in my heart have longed for the time to come when there could be a reuniting of friends and co-workers in the one common cause of the Church of God. And after the decision of the Court of Civil Appeals was given, I talked to Brother Tomlinson about a coming together and told him in substance, that I had fears for the success of our work if there was not a coming together, but my attitude did not meet with his approval and my effort in trying to effect a reunion was futile.

In the Assembly of 1926 presided over by Brother Tomlinson I publicly advocated a coming together, but the people seemed radical as to the terms of a reuniting and my spirit was grieved. I also talked to Brother Lee about the possibility of coming together under the provisions made by the Court of Appeals and told him that I believed if the proposition made by J. S. Llewellyn in his Personal Letter had been made by him as General Overseer it would have had a good effect. After it seemed that there could be nothing done at that time to restore unity and fellowship among the saints as a whole and drop the lawsuit, my next thought was to petition the court to dismiss me as a party to the suit and drop out of it individually. I talked to an attorney about this and he said if I should do so I might be taxed with cost as an individual and advised me to just wait until it was through the courts and then do as I thought best about making a change.

So after studying the matter over I decided that it would be best for me as an individual and show more the dear Lord abundantly bless one and all of you. Humbly your servant with best wishes to all.—J. A. Self, Overseer.

STARTED TOO LATE

How many more days do you want to spend in rebellion against God? I am reminded of that little boy who ran to the train. Just as he reached the platform the train moved off and left him. He stood there panting and watching the train, now in the distance. A man said to him: "You didn't run fast enough!" "No," said the boy, "I ran with all my might, but I didn't make it because I didn't start soon enough." Many a man will rush up and find the gates of heaven closed, and say, like the boy, "I didn't start soon enough."—Sam Jones.

of a gentleman-like disposition to wait until the courts had given a final decision and then abide by the mandates of the courts of our country so long as they do not infringe on my privilege as a Christian.

I have notified Brother Tomlinson that I would not violate the injunction of the court, neither would I be responsible for anyone else doing so. By so doing I feel that I am in keeping with Paul's instructions in the thirteenth chapter of Romans and my conscience will be kept clear and I will also command the respect, confidence and good report of my fellowman without which I cannot be Scripturally qualified for the Ministry. In regard to my position and activity in the litigation, it was my sole purpose to only act as a defendant. I refused to let my name be used in the Cross-bill because I was conscientiously opposed to it.

First—I thought it showed the spirit of retaliation.

Second—I am not opposed to any religious body of people calling themselves the Church of God.

The record shows that at a later date I was made a party to the Cross-bill by an amendment, but that was without my knowledge or consent. I knew not that I had been made a party to the Cross-bill until after the decision given by the Court of Civil Appeals and this was one reason for my wanting to be dismissed from the suit and only decided not to file a petition to that effect for the reason stated above.

Now since the litigation is over and the courts have decided who it is that constitutes the legal Church of God, and whereas the Assembly has abolished the Constitution and the self-perpetuating body of Elders and recognize all ordained Bishops and Deacons as being Elders and whereas, I am now in harmony with the Doctrine, Principles, Customs and Purpose of the Church, I deem it a moral and Christian duty of mine, and all others who stand for love, truth and unity, to line up and all work together for the evangelization of the world, which is the one common cause of the Church of God.

To me it seems inconsistent and unchrist-like to do otherwise since Jesus sanctified Himself that those who believe on Him might be sanctified that they all might be ONE for the purpose of making more believers or that the world might believe that the Father sent the Son. John 17:19-23.

Division is a visible mark of carnality and the walk of men and not to be found in the footsteps of Jesus.

For one to say "I am of Paul; and another I of Appollos;" shows that they are carnal and walk as men, according to the Apostle Paul's statement and teachings of the New Testament found at 1 Cor. 3: 3-4. Therefore I feel that as a sanctified believer I cannot let the personality of men cause me to promote division independent of God's people and the Church with which I am in harmony, in regard to Government, Principle and Customs.

In conclusion I wish to state that the position I have taken in the conflict in which the Church has been in for the last few years has not been from a personal standpoint, neither for nor against anyone. My sole purpose was to stand for what I thought was the true Principle and Doctrine of the Church of God, as outlined in the Scripture. I have doubtless made some mistakes for which I have suffered, but they were not perpetrated by an ill motive and were only mistakes of human weakness and not from the heart. I will not hold men's person in admiration against a righteous cause, neither do I want to let personal matters hinder God's purpose in my life. My greatest desire is for a closer walk with God and to render efficient service in the cause for which my Lord gave Himself to suffer and die.

All who may feel that I have at any time personally injured or wronged them, or have cast any reflection upon their lives, or have reflected on the Church and its officials either by oral or written statements, I can willingly ask their pardon, for the Bible clearly teaches, that if we bring our gift to the altar and there remember that our brother hath ought against

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Good reports are coming in from the fields for which we thank the Lord.

I believe I will say as the holidays are approaching, we will be glad for our people to favor us with orders for Bibles and such Christmas gifts as we have to offer. By so doing it will aid the Publishing House in its great work for the Lord.

LET ME LAUGH

Let me laugh when my heart is discouraged,

Let me laugh when the thunder-clouds roll,

And the joy that I find to the earth as I sing

Will return and give peace to my soul.

Let me laugh when I lose my possessions,

Let me laugh at the grasping of men,

For the heart that is strong will not suffer the wrong

But will turn and reclaim them again.

Let me laugh when my soul is in peril

Let me laugh when disaster is near,

And my courage shall rise till it touches the skies

And my laughter shall conquer my fear.

Let me laugh for the pure joy of living,

Let me laugh like a child at his play,

And the heart of the race will reserve me a place

And be glad that I traveled this way.

PAYING HER VOW

RAVIA, Okla.—I want to pay my vow to God. On Aug. 5th my little boy six years of age was playing and struck his jaw and dislocated it. He could not talk nor move his jaw. I just placed him in a chair and got down beside him on my knees and cried out to God. He heard my cries and healed him in less than five minutes. There were other eye witnesses to this. God put it on my heart to write to the paper concerning this, but I failed to obey Him, so in a few days He allowed the devil to come in on me. I have been having chills every day and also my baby has been having them every other day. We have been calling for the saints and they have prayed earnestly for our healing, but seemed to realize no results until a few days ago the thought came to me about the promise I had made to the Lord and failed to fulfill it. So to put the Lord to a test about it, I told Him if that was what was in the way and if it was really His will for me to send in a testimony of that now, to heal me and I would do so. I have missed two chills and ask your prayers that I may be entirely healed, also that my baby may be healed.—Mrs. Henry Franks.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I am thanking and praising God this morning for what He is to me. I am saved, and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, also a member of the Church of God.

I was sick a few days ago, was suffering very badly, but I began to think about Jesus and of how He could heal so I began to pray, also asked my husband to pray for me and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I am praising Him for it.

I ask all that read this to pray for me that I may stay humble so God can use me to His glory.—Ada Coats, 133 Adam St.

NOTICES :: SPECIALS

Revival will begin at the Church of God on Clayton St., Middletown, Ohio, December 8th and continue 10 days or longer with J. S. Llewellyn of Cleveland, Tenn., in charge. We expect brother E. Haynes and wife our State Overseer to be with us. We are looking forward and praying that this will be the greatest revival that Middletown has ever had. We give you a hearty welcome to come and be with us in this great battle for lost souls.—J. D. Wilson, Pastor.

To the saints and our many friends scattered abroad. We are pastoring the church here and we will be glad to hear from you. Anyone wishing to write us, you will reach us at the following address, T. F. Blackwell, 2009 Empire, Joplin, Mo.

We desire to enlist every Minister in the Church of God as a solicitor to raise money to lift the great burden of debt hanging over the Church.

Every Minister should feel the responsibility as much as we at Headquarters, therefore we are taking the liberty of sending a soliciting card to you. Please raise all the money possible.

If you do not fall under twelve dollars we will give to you as a premium a nice reference Bible with concordance and overlapping edges.

If you should fail to get your card please write and ask for solicitor's card.—F. J. Lee.

To the States over which Brother D. R. Moreland is Overseer: We wish to notify you that he has been hindered in getting to his work. He writes to me that he had to buy \$105.00 worth of tires while on his return to his work. It would be well for those on his work to make an effort for him, especially sending his allotment to him. He is at 451 Bond St., Cumberland, Md.

We would like to know the whereabouts of Sister Bessie Peters. If anyone can give me any information, please do so through the Evangel, or send to my address.—O. Z. Humphrey, 443 Goldfloss St., Winston Salem, N. C.

Brother T. A. Richard advises that all communications to him should be addressed Harlan, Ky.

I would be glad if someone who knows the address of Sister Della Morcos would write me at once. I want to write her on some important business.—Mrs. Roy Morrisett, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Notice to all the Church of God preachers in Ala.:

I want to insist on all the preachers who expect to work in Alabama this assembly year to meet me at the Church of God in Alabama City, Ala. Friday and Saturday Dec. 9th and 10th for general instructions, getting acquainted and outlining the work for the year. I want to be all the help I can to you and feel that it is very important that each of you make a special effort to be present at this meeting.—S. J. Heath, Overseer.

To the Churches of North Carolina: This I trust will serve to notify the churches in North Carolina that J. M. Snyder, Kannapolis, North Carolina has been duly appointed as treasurer of the Mission Fund in this State. All churches remember to raise if possible 5 per cent as much tithes as are paid in for Mission, and send to the treasurer at the above address, who will forward 50 per cent of the total amount sent in to the General Secretary.—Roy E. Blackwood, State Overseer.

NOTICE TO THE COLORED WORK
To the Overseers, Ministers and members of the Church of God Colored Work:

I am indeed glad to report victory through the blood of Jesus at this moment. I am glad to be at home once more after having an extensive trip through the North, visiting our brethren. We enjoyed many loving services together and I will never forget their hospitality to me while being in their midst. Would be glad to get to pay them another visit whenever the way is made again to do so. It was also another reunion when we met at the General Assembly. I believe that every one that was there greatly enjoyed being there, as we met the many faces that we always meet and many new ones. More than all we enjoyed the wonderful fellowship of the Holy Spirit as we were actuated by His mighty power.

Truly the Lord is in the midst of His people, so let's humbly wait upon Him for all things and in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Well as I was appointed to serve you for another year I humbly submit myself to the will of God, so I need your prayers and hearty cooperation in this work, and by so doing I am sure that the Lord will give me a wonderful year.

I have a very large tent that Sister Izola Irwin has loaned us to use for our work. I am expecting that she will be with us in some of our meetings and help us all that she can. It cost us a pretty good little sum to get the tent in Fla. and will cost a little more to get it up. We have planned to use the tent for our State Convention and a general campaign in the State, so I am asking the pastor of each church to endeavor to get as a freewill offering of \$1.00 from each member of his church and if you will do this it will greatly help to get us lined up for our State Convention. Please attend to this at your earliest opportunity and mail same to me. You will receive credit for the same. Looking forward to your immediate cooperation, and thanking you in advance, I remain.—David LaFleur, 629 5th Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla.

To whom it may concern:

This is to notify the Church of God everywhere that J. K. Horton is no longer a minister, neither a member in the Church of God.—J. W. Culpepper, Overseer of Ga.

Good revival in North Chattanooga, Tenn. in progress. It has been running four days, and twelve have received the Holy Ghost. Brother J. W. Culpepper is doing the preaching. The crowds are so large until we are not able to accommodate the people.

The interest is fine. We are working and hoping for it to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

If you want a blessing, come and visit us. Unity 100%.—Harry L. Whittington, Pastor.

Healed By The Mighty Power of God

WEATHERFORD, Tex.—I want to praise the dear Lord for His healing power through the dear Evangel. I am trusting God for the healing of my body, also for my family. He has healed my children and me many times.

I almost met death five months ago. The dear saints gathered in and prayed for me, but they did not think I would get well, but I did not fear the least bit. I knew God was able to do all things. The saints prayed for me, and I got better for a short time, but would be afflicted again. My husband sent for Brother and Sister George Asher of Ft. Worth to come and pray for me. I could not speak when they came. The second time they prayed the dear Lord touched my body, but did not get complete victory.

One night I started to bed but before retiring we had prayer. I laid the Church of God Evangel on my body and went to sleep with the Evangel on my body and never had a better night's rest before. I promised the Lord I would testify to this healing, but I have neglected it, and I am suffering again. I realize the Lord's business requires haste, for I do believe He is coming soon, and we have just a short time to work for Him.

We should be faithful and work with all our might. Please pray for

A RARE POEM

Through courtesy of Mrs. Edith Mayhew of Roanoke, Va. the Post Herald is permitted to copy "Mother Shipton's Prophecies" a poem many years old. The manuscript from which the poem was taken is one hundred and sixty years old, and is stained by time, but has been carefully preserved.

This prophecy has always been a source of awe to those who have watched its fulfillment. Wireless telegraphy, steel vessels, the bicycle, the submarine were foretold and every war including the World War, but read it and note them for yourself. Editor.

A house of glass shall come to pass in merry England, but alas, War will follow with the work, In the land of the Turk.

And state and state in fierce strife Struggle for each other's life. Carriages without horses shall go, And accidents fill the earth with woe.

In London, Primrose Hill, shall be And the center of a Bishop's sea, Around the world thought shall fly, In the twinkling of an eye.

Through hills men shall ride And neither horse nor ass beside. Under water men shall walk, Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.

Iron in the water shall float As easily as a wooden boat, Gold shall be found and shown In a land that's now unknown.

Fire and water shall wonders do, And England shall admit a Jew. Three times three shall lovely France Be led to dance a bloody dance;

Before her people shall be free Three tyrant rulers shall see. Each sprung from a different dynasty. And when the last great fight is won

England and France shall be as one. And now a world in uncouth rhyme, Of what shall be in the latter time In those wonderful far off days.

Women shall get a strange odd craze. To dress like men and breeches wear And cut off their beautiful locks of hair;

And ride astride with brazen brow. As witches do on broomsticks now. Then love shall die and warriors cease And babes and sucklings so decrease

That wives shall fondle cats and dogs. In eighteen hundred and ninety-six, Build your houses of rotten sticks. For there shall mighty wars be planned

And fire and sword sweep o'er the land, But those who live the century thru In fear and trembling, tho will do;

Fly to the mountains and the glens To bogs and forests and wild fens. For trumpets will rage and oceans roar

And Gabriel stand on sea and shore And as he toots his wondrous horn, Old world shall die and new be born.

The reference to the war in 1896 is supposed to be the time when the World War was first determined upon by Prussia. From various sources the opinion has been expressed that the prophecies were written prior to the discovery of the American continent.

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my unsaved husband and for me to stay humble and rear my children for the glory of the Lord.—Mrs. Maudie Montgomery.

I Am Determined to Trust God

STOCKPORT, O.—I want to testify through the Evangel of what the dear Lord has done for me. I thank and praise Him for His goodness to me, and how He has healed me many times.

I trusted the Lord for the healing of my body. He healed me of a severe illness, but now I am feeling good in both soul and body. I suffered terribly, and was willing for God to take me home to be with Jesus. We sent for the saints to pray for and anoint me with oil in the name of Jesus. They prayed and my body was touched, and God did bless us.

Oh, how I do thank Him for every blessing. I am determined to trust the Lord for everything. I know God will answer our prayers if we will only obey Him.

I do want to be found ready doing His will at all times. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus till the end. Pray for me.—Mrs. Sanford Williamson.

Lord Wonderfully Blest

JELICO, Tenn.—We wish to report through the columns of the Evangel of how the Lord is blessing. Have just closed a meeting at Jelico where three were saved, three sanctified and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. The devil was stirred, but the Lord wonderfully blessed.—J. J. Garrett and wife.

BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me. Bless His holy name. Just a few days ago I had a severe stomach trouble. I became so weak until I could hardly be up, and I had said more times than one that I was trusting Him for the healing of my body. I went to one of the sisters' home, Mrs. Maude Peterson, and told her I was ill and wanted her to pray for me. She did and I could feel the power running over my body. I went to a tent meeting that very night and was prayed for again, and got better.

The next night I grew worse and became weaker. I had sent for a handkerchief from Brother Rouse, and I thought of it, and placed it on my body in the name of Jesus, and said, now Lord if you want me to get out in the work in the holiness church, heal me. He healed me and I give Him all the praise. I promised the Lord I would send this testimony in. I know God is One who can heal all manner of diseases, and I am trusting Him fully.

I am glad that I can report victory this morning over the devil and His works. God has all power in heaven and on earth. He is able to deliver all the righteous from all of the snares the devil sets for them.

If we put on the whole armor of God and fully believe and trust Him we are going to glory. There'll come a glad day after a while. Well glory, the way looks brighter saints. Let us travel on, it will be joy after a while.

Dear ones please remember me in your prayers that I may ever stay humble and in the center of the Lord's will.—Etha Mills.

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BLOUNTSVILLE, Ala.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my foot I would testify to it through the paper, and I am afraid if I don't do what I promised the Lord, I will be afflicted again.

I want to say I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. My desire is to go all the way with the Lord. Remember me in your prayers.—Brittie Gibbs.

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I Find Joy and Peace In Serving My Savior

As I glance around the schoolroom this evening and note the bright countenances of the boys and girls who are attending the Bible Training School, my heart overflows with love and gratitude to our Heavenly Father. I thank God for the Bible School and that I am permitted to be among the number of Bible students. I count my time here well spent.

O, if more of our young folks (older ones as well) would seize this great opportunity of learning more of God's Word. This is my first year, but by the grace and help of God I expect to be back here next year when Bible School begins.

The Lord greatly blesses us in our work. Sometimes God comes down in our midst and blesses our souls. O, we know we are in the will of the Lord. Praise His dear name.

I want to praise God for Jesus and His great love for us, that He came down and shed His precious blood on the rugged Cross of Calvary so we might have life eternal. The thought of eternal life brings a deep settled peace to my soul. "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Psa. 23:4. I find joy and peace in serving my Savior.

I am so glad that one day He saved me from sin, sanctified me by His blood, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and I became a member of the Church of God.

I wish to take this opportunity of sending my thanks and gratitude to the Church at Manatee, Fla. for their promise of helping me through Bible School. May God bless them in my prayer. Pray for me that I may be a real servant for God.—Eva L. Green, Manatee, Fla.

The Good Lord Is Here

I am glad this evening for the privilege of writing to the Evangel in regard to the Bible School. The good Lord is here with His power and I have never seen a place I had rather be than here. The teachers are so good, kind and patient with us. I remember how I prayed for the good Lord to let me come up here and I am praying still harder to get to stay.

When I was a boy God gave me the Holy Ghost, but I was with Free Pentecost. He called me into the work and I have tried in my weak way to preach His Word. In July 1926 I saw the Church of God was right and I joined it, and I am now in the Bible School trying to better equip myself for the great work He has trusted me with. It is through the grace of God that I am here and I am trusting Him to see me through.

As space will not permit me to tell one tenth part, you will have to come to the School and see as Philip told Nathanael in St. John 1:44.

If anyone desires to write to me, I would be glad to write and tell you more fully about the School.—Yours for the whole truth, A. V. Beaubie, Dunn, La.

Delighted With the School

Glory to God! I am delighted with this glorious opportunity of being in Bible School this term. I had the privilege of being here in the School four years ago, and I have had a desire to come back every term since then. And dear friends I feel like I am just right where the Lord wants me to be.

The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. We feel that our souls are being enriched every day on the good Word of God. I truly believe if there ever was a time that we need to prepare ourselves it is now, for the harvest is white and the laborers are few. I feel more like going out on the battlefield and holding up the blood stained banner for Jesus, our soon coming King, than ever before.

Pray for me that I will be worthy of the vocation wherein I am called.—Your sister under the blood, Gertrude Newman, Kennedy, Ala.

The Lord Is blessing Us Greatly

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the Bible School, and of the many good things that the Lord has here for us to feast on. It seems as though He makes it a point to visit us every now and then with wonderful showers of blessings.

Friends when we consider the condition of the world at large, and how the devil is going about in every conceivable shape and form that he can think of to destroy and lead folks away from the good old Bible plan of salvation, the plan which saints of all ages have proved with their lives, the one for which Jesus suffered and shed the last drop of His blood. It makes us want to go forth in His name and champion this great cause. Now zeal and enthusiasm are all right, but it needs to be directed in the right channel in order to accomplish anything.

We need to know how to give out the Word in a way that the mouths of gainsayers will be stopped, and be brought to realize their awful condition; believers sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and Christ's glorious Church built up and made ready for the soon coming of our King.

I do not know of a better place in the world to learn this than right here in the Bible School. So friends if you are longing to work for the Master and do not feel capable of service, come to the equipping station at Cleveland, Tenn. I am sure that you will be benefited thereby.

May the Lord bless each and every one.—A student, Charles Bowen, Plaza, N. Dak.

WANTS TO BE A WORKER

CORTEZ, Fla.—Jesus is precious to me and to all who know Him. I want to praise the Lord through this wonderful paper that gives me food to my soul as I read the testimonies and wonderful sermons. I thank Him for saving me as the light shone down upon me from the throne of God, and it still shines today. He sanctified me with His blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and I speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. I am also a member of the Church of God, the body of Christ. Praise His sweet name.

He leads and guides us in His footsteps as to what to say and do. He comforts us when we are in sorrow and trouble; He is our present help in time of need. O, how sweet to abide in Jesus and to have Him abide in us. I also recommend Jesus as my healer.

I have been in this good way almost a year, and it gets better and brighter day by day. My sister and I are the only ones in our family who have salvation. He says for us to believe in Him and all the household shall be saved. How our hearts rejoice to see other souls humble themselves at Jesus' feet and get blessed.

I want God to take me and use me to His glory. I feel like He has something for me to do. It matters not what the cost might be, I am willing to do what He desires. How my heart aches as I agonize for the lost souls and longing for the time to come when as many as will freely come that are thirst of this living water. O, that we may soon look upon His shining face and praise Him for evermore. I am one seeking more of God's knowledge and want to shine and scatter good seed at all times for Jesus.

May God bless all who read this. Pray for me.—A sister in Jesus, (Miss) Sadie Pierce.

Little Girl Made Whole

CHERRYFIELD, N. C.—Sometime ago I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed for the healing of my little girl that was badly afflicted.

The Prayer of Faith Shall Save the Sick

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise to my Lord and Savior for His wonderful healing power. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

On last night about 2:00 o'clock my son-in-law had a severe attack of cramping and was suffering intense pain. He came to me for prayer, I prayed for him and anointed with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:15 says the prayer of faith shall save the sick. The Lord wonderfully healed him. I promised the Lord I would testify of his healing through the Evangel. I covet the prayers of all that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.—Minnie D. House.

Strange Critters

When we look around we find three places of abode; this world, heaven and hell. Man first appears in this world and stays but a short time—just long enough to prepare for one of the other two places of abode and in a short time he will emigrate to one of these places to spend eternity. These two places that we call heaven and hell are both very peculiar places. They are both prepared places and no man can enter either of them without preparation for that special place.

When a man comes into this world and begins a preparation for heaven, if he lives to be three scores and ten it takes him all his lifetime to prepare for that special place. If he undertakes to prepare for hell it will also take him a life time to prepare.

The preparation for heaven is holiness of heart and life; preparation for hell is a life of sin and unrighteousness. No man can get into heaven with any sin in him, and no man can get into hell with holiness in him. God will not allow sin to enter heaven and the devil will not allow holiness to enter hell, (neither will God allow holiness to enter hell).

God is never satisfied with a man as long as there is one thing in his heart that is unholy, and the devil is never satisfied with a man as long as he has one desire in his heart to be pure and holy. Then, with these facts before us it makes us tremble to go into some churches and see how bad some people hate holiness while they claim to be children of God. If I hate the thing God loves and love the thing God hates, it seems to me that it would be awfully uncomfortable for one to be thrown into the presence of God to stay for a few million years and with the verse in the Bible where it says "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" My, it looks to me like the fellow would become so dissatisfied in heaven right in the presence of God where he could hear nothing but Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty that he would just simply get up and leave the City. If a man hates holiness it would be just as distasteful to him in heaven as it would be in Florida. We have found out that changing localities does not change the moral side of men in the least and the human family has also found out that it is not the place a man is in that makes him happy or unhappy but the condition he is in morally.

If sin is an unrestful element in the heart of man in this country, wouldn't it be, if possible, a thousand times more so in heaven? If a little Church of God meeting here in the world puts people under conviction and they become so wretched and miserable that they go to fighting holiness to try to relieve their guilty conscience, what would a man or woman like that do if they were turned loose in heaven? All classes of religious people talk of going to heaven and you tell them to come to the altar and let God make them holy and it is to a great many an insult to speak to them on the subject of Scriptural holiness. My friend, if Bible holiness is distasteful to you, go down before Him that sitteth on the throne and let Him cleanse away everything in your heart that opposes holiness for if there is an unrestful, unsatisfied thing in your heart you must get rid of it in the world, for if there is something in your heart that hates holiness goes to prove that this very something would hate God and tear Him from the throne, if it were possible.

By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and yet true; as unknown and yet well known we overcome by yielding; we conquer the enemy when we refuse to fight; we run faster on our knees than we do on our feet.

Mrs. L. M. Hall and daughter, Grace, ed with kidney trouble and other ailments, but thank God she was completely healed of every disease so far as I can tell. I do praise the Lord for His healing power. I have not been completely healed yet, but I believe that the Lord will do the work and am depending on Him each day. I do not take any medicine at all. I ask all the dear saints to go down before the Lord for me and pray until they receive the victory, also pray that my faith may be increased and that I may do His will. I do not belong to the Church of God, but I believe in it.—Mrs. Gilbert McCall.

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We are little orphans from many a land,
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We were once in trouble, but now happy and free,
Since coming to the Home in Cleveland, Tennessee.

But our happiness and peace will only remain,
As you the call of the Lord do not disdain.
Oh listen to His voice while speaking to you,
And tell Him at once just what you will do.

James tells us that pure religion and undefiled,
Is to visit the widows and every orphan child,
And from the world we should unspotted be,
While we are making preparation for eternity.

We shall expect a visit from every kind hand,
From members of the Church, and every Orphanage band;
To meet our obligations and every other expense,
This can be met only with dollars and cents.

The Sweetest Hour That Is Known To Me

The sweetest hour ah Lord to me
Is spent alone, apart with Thee.
When affliction comes and sorrows roll

Across my troubled, burdened soul,
Then how sweet for me to hide
Close up to Thy blessed side.

Thou great may be my doubts and fears
And left by friends alone in tears;
Suffering and torn, by or for a friend
'Tis then, ah Lord, you're a strong,
true friend.

Thou I be tangled in Satan's snare,
And however great my suffering there,

Thou on every side I be hedged in
By grievous blunders and even sin.
'Tis then O Lord you seem more near
For indeed my prayer is more sincere.
Then my heart cries out to you in pain
For cleansing from each guilt and stain,

And ah how sweet to know you hear;
To feel you are so very near;
No one like Thee, dear Lord, I know,
None can such love and mercy show.

No one can understand like Thee;
No one the heart's true motive see.
And now O Lord, if in Thy sight
My heart can only be made right
I'll hide my face upon Thy breast
And be hidden with Thee in peace
and rest

And should the world scoff me in shame
I'll know I'm hidden in Jesus' name.
So the sweetest hour that's known to me,
Is spent alone O Lord with Thee.

A Statement From J. P. Hughes

(Continued from page one)
us, we should leave our gift before the altar and go, be reconciled with our brother, then come and offer our gift, Matt. 5:23-24.

I want to live in all good conscience toward God and man and it is not my purpose to retract on the life of anyone, either in the Church or out of it, and certainly I do not want to reflect upon any religious movement or hinder their progress in trying to do good.

According to Paul's statement in Rom. 12:1 the gift or sacrifice we are to offer is our reasonable service and I do not want something that someone, either in the Church or out of it might hold against me to hinder or prevent the Lord accepting my sacrifice of service.

I do not want to offend even the least of God's children for the wise man said "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city." Prov. 18:19. Therefore I want to make reconciliation with any and everyone who may feel that I have reflected upon their life or anyone who has taken offense at anything I have said or written and I shall from this time forward endeavor to keep in memory the words of the writer, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak." Jas. 1:19. For the same writer also said, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man. Jas. 3:2.

I will close this message by saying that I am not shirking any duty or responsibility that those with whom I have been affiliated with might think is mine, and although I have decided to change my field of labor I will assist them in any way I can in paying off the cost of the litigation, that the courts have assessed.

Hoping that these statements will be received in the Spirit and for the purpose for which they are written, I am yours in Love and Service for the Master.—J. P. Hughes, 2412 E. 13th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

NOTE—I wish to say that Brother Hughes has been restored to full fellowship in the Church of God at E. Chattanooga, both as a member and Minister. He was pastor here at the time the trouble arose and went with

HE IS GOOD—IT IS NOT US

Pearl Adams

Dost thou keep thyself my brother,
Are you good? Please tell me true.
Is the power of good and honors
By nature given unto you?

Has no guilt or stain, dear brother
Ever been upon your soul
Were you born in power and virtue
In possession of Heaven's goal?

Did you ne'er from right stray, brother
Were you never stained with wrong;
Have you never felt sin's power;
Have you never from God been drawn?

Do you look on them who stumble
And on those who chance to fall;
With contempt and scorn, dear brother,
With no sympathy at all?

Do you think that those who stumble,
Falter, and are oft cast down
Will e'er be lifted by you, brother
If you scold and at them frown?

Indeed, there's only one way, brother
To touch a heart by Satan's bound;
To lead back home those astraying,
And you can say the lost is found.

Just lend a hand to them, dear brother
While a tear gleams in your eye
Then you should say to them, "My brother,
In sin's grip too, once was I."

Then stoop to lift them, dear brother
Lending love instead of jeer;
And you kneel before God weeping—
Praying for the lost one there.

Just keep in mind you too, brother,
Cannot keep yourself 'tis true,
But for God who gives you power
To do right, you'd be lost too.

Then forgetting all else, brother
Save the Christ who gave His life
To redeem our souls from Satan
In a world of sin and strife.

So all together in one chorus,
Every heart must say 'tis true.
It is God alone can keep me,
He is good, not I, not you.

Surely We Are In the Church of God

DILLON, S. C.—I feel like I want to write a few lines to the Evangel about the 22d Assembly. It being my first time I want to tell you it was wonderful. I have never witnessed anything like it, it was uplifting to me. Surely we are in the Church of God and if you do not believe it you meet me there next October and see for yourself. Three men went with me and were convinced that it was the real Church of God.

They heard the preaching, saw the shouting and saw the people healed, and they surely enjoyed themselves, so we are going to start planning to go back next October. May the dear Lord bless everyone and show you how important it is for you to attend these assemblies.—C. B. Owens.

do so, and now I have to ask Him for healing again. I have had neuralgia in my head and neck for three weeks. I have the blessing, but have been out of services so long that I have grown cold in my experience. I ask every saint to pray for the healing of my body and soul. Also pray for my mother, Mrs. Katie Looney who has something like a cancer on her face. Pray for God to heal her if it is His will.—Mrs. Oscar Bailey.

Suffering Great Pain—Healed

HIGDEN, Ark.—I am writing this to fulfill my promise to the dear Lord. My boy was suffering great pain with his tooth, it seemed as tho he could not get ease, but seemed to get worse. It seemed that he was almost ready to die. I promised the Lord if He would give him ease and rest that I would testify to it through the dear Evangel. How I do thank my dear Lord for His great healing power. The Lord has also healed me. How I thank Him for His mercy to my family. Please pray that I may go deeper in the great love and wisdom of God, for I want to be more like Jesus and be ready to meet Him at His coming, for it surely won't be long, so let us be ready when the midnight cry is given.—Sallie Bailey.

Evangel A Blessing

WHITE SIDE, Tenn.—The Lord has healed me many times and the last three times it has come about by laying on of the Evangel. I do think it a wonderful paper, it has proven a blessing to me in many ways. Each time the Lord healed me I promised I would testify of it through the opposite side. But realizing his mistake has returned to the Church of God. May the dear Lord bless and crown his efforts with success is our prayer.—E. M. Ellis, Pastor.

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SEPARATE US

LOWELL, N. C.—I want to praise God through the Evangel for His many blessings unto me and for His keeping power. He has always been a present help in time of need.

I thank the Lord also for the true saints at Belmont, North Carolina. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way and we are encouraged to go on and make our calling and election sure. Nothing can separate us from His love, no one can snatch us out of His hand. We love and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, for the Lord is feeding our souls from Heaven. We thank and praise the Lord for our God-sent pastor, Mr. W. M. Stallings. We know he is God's anointed servant.

Many souls are being rescued at this place and we are looking for greater things to take place in the future. On last Sunday evening we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing, the saints were made to rejoice. I am glad there is a people who are willing to take God's Word just as it is, and we find great joy in obeying His Word.

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and glad to report victory in my soul, and waiting for His soon coming from Heaven. I feel like we will not have long to serve down here. Now is the time to get established in every good work, so may we all seek to be well pleasing to the Lord in all things that we may not be ashamed before Him at His coming; that we may be found of Him in peace, spotless and blameless, for He will soon come again to receive us unto Himself. Dear saints, pray much for my husband that he may receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Callie Aderhold.

Living For Jesus
Every Day

DAMASCUS, Ga.—I want to say I am sanctified and the Holy Ghost sweetly abides in my soul. I feel like living for Jesus every day. I was sick and had fever. I said I would testify of it thru the Evangel if the Lord would heal me, so I placed the Evangel on my back in the name of Jesus and the next morning I didn't feel it when I got out of bed. Pray for me that I may stay humble to the Lord and do what He would have me do, so that when He comes or calls for me I will be like Him.—Ona B. Jones.

ONE HEART AND
ONE SOUL

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—The subject mentioned above is a very deep one, as this is an important state to be in for the power of God to run thru our bodies so that He can manifest Himself with signs and wonders thru His children in these last days. We know beloved, that God worked with signs and wonders in the early church and He has been working that way in these last days, but I would like to see it in a greater way.

We notice a part of the 32d verse of the 4th chapter of Acts "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul."

The multitude of them that believed were the kind of people that were of one heart and of one soul, but unbelief has crept in on the people of God to some extent and other things that God's children let hinder them from being of one heart and one soul, probably a little jealousy, pride backbiting, tale-bearing. God wants a clean people that He can work thru, as He had Peter's time, on the day of Pentecost and since. The people got so enthused about the work of the Lord that they sold their possessions and laid the money at the apostles' feet.

Confidence is another thing God wants His people not to leave clear out. The people had confidence in the apostles, probably the people that sold their possessions were studying or interested in the salvation of lost souls more than money. God has said that these signs shall follow the believers.

We, as God's children should believe a little more until the signs begin to follow in a greater way and tarry before God until He gives us faith and everything we need to glorify Him in this great conflict against sin and the one that is the author of sin, the devil.

God is no respecter of persons, and He wants a humble people that He can work through. Let us pray for one another that God will set the gifts in the Church in their fullness, that the Lord will work in a greater

way in raising the dead, healing the sick, saving souls and sanctifying believers and filling with the precious Holy Ghost. In order for God to do these things we must draw near unto Him with a clean heart and have the love of God.

Charity never faileth, so let us go on until we get where God can use us as a light each day for Him.—W. V. Swendall.

Good For The Young As
Well As For The Old

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—This evening finds me saved, sanctified; filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance according to Acts 2:4.

I truly thank God for sending His messengers to tell this part of the world about holiness. After the revival started I began looking over my condition as a sinner, and listen, the Lord thought enough of me to save me from sin; later on after He had so wonderfully saved me, I backslid and began idling my time away in joking etc. In August Brother T. W. Wimberly ran a meeting here. I began seeking my Lord and He took me back again and now I am pressing on. My desire is to reach that city where the mansions are prepared for me. I want to say that Jesus is my keeper and my healer because He keeps me saved and heals my body when I get sick. I haven't taken a dose of medicine in over three years for which I praise the Lord. I am glad of the fact that the Lord can keep a young girl right down here in this sinful world saved and free from sin. I am only fourteen years of age and I want my life to be a shining light for Jesus. I ask the prayers of each of you that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.—Willie Lee Washington.

TRUSTING
IN HIM

COOLTEWAH, Tenn.—This afternoon finds me praising God for this wonderful salvation. More than eighteen years ago I heard this salvation preached in a way that I understood and it sent conviction to my heart, although I had been a member of the Methodist church since I was ten years of age. My eyes were opened and I could see that Jesus came into the world and suffered that we might not only be saved from our sins, but He was crucified on the cross and spilled His precious blood that we might be sanctified, have the desire of sin taken out of our hearts, and that is not all. Before He went away He promised to send us another Comforter that we would not be left alone. This Comforter came. He is the Holy Ghost. I am glad I allowed him to come into this temple to dwell. What would I have done without Him as I have trodden along this journey of life thus far?

There are many things to attract us from the way, but Jesus said the Holy Ghost would guide us into all truths and I have found Him true. I am not tired of this way of salvation. I love it more and more all the time for I realize time is too short and it will not be long until we go to live with Him forever and ever.

I do want to be faithful to the end for I think the sweetest words I could hear Jesus say would be "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

I wish I was able to tell all about this salvation, but I am not. I can say this—it is the greatest and most precious thing that ever came into the world. It is worth more than all the pleasures, silver and gold, diamonds and jewels that this world can afford.

The devil has certainly tried me the past two years by afflicting my body. Sometimes I think I can not bear it any longer, but I am trusting in Him who is able to heal all manner of diseases. I have trusted Him for nearly fifteen years and He has healed me and my family many times. If He heals me or if He does not I mean to trust Him to the end. Pray for me that I may be faithful and do my Father's will, for I love Him.

I thank Him for the sweet blessings that He showers down upon me from time to time. I thank Him for the great love He has given me for there is peace in love.

Remember me in your prayers, ask the Lord to heal my body if it be His will or to show me why He does not heal.—Mrs. S. L. Hoghn.

STEPROCK, Ark.—I want to praise the dear Lord for what He has done for me. I had a growth on my eye, and called for the saints to pray for me. I want to say my eye is healed now, and I give God all the glory. Please remember me in your prayers.—Susie Wright.

Many People
Deceived

WINSTON, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise to my great Redeemer, the one that redeemed us from our sins. I want to praise Him for what He has been to me.

In August 1926 the dear Lord truly saved and sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I truly thank Him for keeping me in this good way this far. As I go along this way it seems better every day. I have had many trials and tests but I am not discouraged, but am determined to go all the way because I am finding glory along this straight and narrow way. There are no Church of God people out here where we live and we have no church to go to. There is a Campbellite Church out here near us and one night while at their meeting their pastor told them that there were no miracles being wrought this day and time and if there were any it was of the devil. Now that is just how blind they are. The young people are taught that there is no harm in going to shows, parties etc. and that they can be a Christian by giving their pastor their hand and joining the church, but I want to tell you I had more than that to do when I got salvation and they will have too when they get real salvation. I have brothers and a mother and father who are in this way and we are praying for these people and we want everybody who reads this to pray for them also.—Lorena Vollrath.

I Find Him Present In
Time of Need

MARIETTA, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for salvation. I want to say I have had peace with God for five years. Bless His name. I have been trusting Him for both soul and body, and I find Him a present help in time of every need.

I was suffering death it seemed, I began to call on God for help and promised Him if He would heal me I would give Him all the praise and testify to it through the Evangel, and praise His dear name. He healed me. I am giving Him all the praise for it.

I thank God too for the few saints here who are standing true. The Lord is blessing in our meetings. Please pray for the work here, also pray that I may hold out faithful regardless of the cost.—Mrs. Lula Dupree.

I AM WILLING
TO WORK FOR
THE LORD

COVINGTON, La.—Just a few words to the honor of Jesus this beautiful afternoon. I am so glad that one time I learned that Jesus could save my soul. I am so glad that I was willing to accept the Lord as my personal Saviour. Since then He has kept me saved too. I know His grace is sufficient to carry us all the way.

The Lord is able to do wonderful things for us if we will only let Him. He can heal us when we are on our bed of affliction. By His stripes we are healed.

I got something in my eye and most everyone told me to go to the doctor so He could get the steel or whatever it was out of my eye. I almost lost my eye, but I didn't do as the people told me to do, I trusted God. I suffered terribly for several days. The devil kept telling me I had better go to the doctor, but I did not heed to his call. It began to get worse, was attacked with a severe headache and hot fever, and three days later I took pneumonia in both lungs, yet I held onto God. We called for the elders of the Church and let them pray over me, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord, and prayed the prayer of faith.

I knew why the Lord had healed me. He had called me out in the work for three years, so I was about to disobey God and almost backslid. The devil almost killed me before I was willing to obey God, so then I decided to do as James 5:16. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I began to confess my faults and the victory came. The power of God fell and I was healed. I am sound and well right now with a brighter experience than I ever had before.

I am determined to press the battle for the Lord, striving to take the whole Word of God and live by it.

While writing about the healing of my body, I must mention something about my little brother thirteen years old. He had T. B. of the bone about seven years. The doctors had given him up. We sent a handkerchief to

Brother L. G. Rouse to be anointed; we laid it on his body, and praise the Lord he is sound and well now. My mother was healed of indigestion after suffering twenty years with it.

I am willing now to work for the Lord and do what He wants me to do. Please pray for me that I will step right out in the work of the Lord as soon as possible and that He will be able to use me in some way that He might be able to get honor out of my life.

I have had the Holy Ghost over four years, and am not tired of it yet.—Your brother in Christ, Iddo Sharp.

New Locality Heard
True Gospel

LOGAN, Ill.—Near the close of the month of September we were invited to hold a revival meeting at Parrish, Illinois, which is a small railroad station on the Illinois Central Railroad near Logan. The good people of that place secured the Methodist church for us, which is a nice little building to hold services in. We took a number of the saints from Logan with us each night. After the battle was over and the slain were counted we found that seventeen had been saved, about ten sanctified and eight received the Holy Ghost, because we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Praise His matchless name. After the meeting which continued a few days over two weeks, I mean at the close of the meeting we gave opportunity for folks to come into the Church of God and eight came forward with two more to follow. We did not set a church in order there, but transferred them to the church at Logan which is close by, and on the Sunday following we went to the creek and baptized eight in water.

This is a needy place and numbers of the people do not know very much about the Church, so pray for us and that God may bring in a great harvest of souls from this almost new locality. The meeting was conducted by the writer.—J. A. Bixler, Pastor at Logan and Sesser, Ill.

THE COOK OR THE
BOOK, WHICH?

The Cooking Squad vs. Praying Band

(Cook Stove Apostasy)
THE early church Prayed in the Upper Room, the Twentieth Century church cooks in the Supper Room.

Today the Supper Room has taken the place of the Upper Room, Play has taken the place of Prayer, and Feasting the place of Fasting. There are more Full Stomachs than there are Bended Knees and Broken Hearts. There is more fire in the Range in the kitchen, than there is in the Pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the Pulpit. Ice Cream chills the fervor of Spiritual Life.

The early Christians were not Cooking in the Supper Room the day the Holy Ghost came, they were Praying in the Upper Room; they were not Waiting on Tables, they were Waiting on God; they were not Waiting for the fire from the Stove, but for the Fire from Above.

They were Detained by the Command of God, and not Entertained by the Cunning of Men. They were all Filled with the Holy Ghost, not Stuffed with a Stew or Roast.

O, I would like the Cooking Squad put out, and the Praying Band put in, less Ham and Sham and more Heaven, less Pie and more Piety, less use for the Cook and more use for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the kitchen and build it on the Altar.

More Love, and more Life, fewer Dinners and get after Sinners. Let us have a church full of Waiters on God, a church full of Servers, serving God, and waiting for His Son from Heaven.

"Keep yourselves from idols."
"Keep thyself pure."
"Abstain from fleshly lusts."
"Glorify God in your body."

WHY I LOVE JESUS

I sing because I love Him
Who died to set me free;
I pray because His Spirit
Does hear my earnest plea.

When trials come before me
To test my faith in God
I know that He is watching
The pain of Satan's rod.

Though weak I be in power
To do an earthly thing;
Yet I know the Holy Spirit
Does make the joybells ring.

And when I watch the sun go down
I know that Jesus lives;
While every promise in His Word
Just tells how much He gives.

By Milton S. Jones, 1424 Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

LOOK ABOVE THE STARS

HOPE FOR THE STARS BELOW TO
DISAPPEAR

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

We like your suggestion that every member pay one dollar. In this way no one would be hurt and the debt would soon be effaced.—Carrie Ray.

Dear Brother I believe your plan is going to work. Brother Wilemon read your piece in the paper yesterday and told us all to begin talking to each other, so I made a start and headed it with ten dollars. I believe by the first of February that we will have our quota.—J. M. Davis.

Perhaps Brother Davis would rather I had not mentioned about him starting the drive with ten dollars,

but this is so good I could not keep it. If a few members in every church will give ten dollars they will soon get up the desired amount.

I would be glad to get a card from every pastor as to what you think you can do on this very important proposition.

Our Savior who ascended far above the stars is beholding the faithfulness or unfaithfulness of everyone of us. We know that He would not have His work fail because of His servants being unfaithful. So let us keep our mind above the stars and expect the stars in the paper to disappear.

REQUEST

Mrs. H. Boon, Wauchula, Fla., requests the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer to pray that she may be healed, also that she will get closer to the Lord.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Mitchell, Route 3, Box 210 requests prayer for the healing of her body, also that her husband will come into this good way of holiness.

A Member of the
Church of God

LAKELAND, Fla.—I want to testify to what the Lord has done for me. I was suffering this morning very intensely, and decided to apply the Church of God Evangel to my body, which I did, and I was relieved within a short time. Glory to God. I have been baptized with water and am a member of the Church of God. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I may go all the way.—Mrs. Pearl Smith, Route No. 4.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

On Friday night, January the seventh
As the clock was striking nine;
We should not wonder that Hazel was taken
She was not of the worldly kind.

Like Stephen when he was stoned
And under men's feet was trod;
She turned her back on a sin-cursed world
And commended her spirit to God.

Like the queen who died at the dawn of the century
She abstained from medical aid;
For with God even thru the valley of death
She was not the least bit afraid.

And as Christ was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
And before his shears stood dumb;
No doubt she wondered who would declare her faith
That others to heaven may come.

When I think of how she has said
As tho' she meant in prayer, "Think of me."
I recall the thief who uttered these words,
As he hung by the Lord on a tree.

On a Friday, in the first of the year,
Jesus died, so I understand
And when the sixth hour was come, it is said
That darkness came over the land.

And at the ninth hour the earth did quake
And the wall of the temple was rent
The believers cried as the good shepherd died;
But the scornful knew not what it meant.

Then the sheep were all scattered abroad,
They had lost their keeper they feared
Nor could they hardly believe it was He
When again to them He appeared.

She had the meekness of Moses,
According to Numbers 12: 3,
She was beautiful with salvation
How beautiful Heaven must be.

She needed no extra stimulant,
She was packed up and ready to go
She paid the fare, the train was there.
And she has gone where it doesn't snow.

The ship went down, but the crew was saved
The hull has returned to the dust;
But gravity has lost its hold on her
As on all the faithful it must.

She refused to defile the temple of God
In which abode His great love
Tho' it was only a cottage
Compared with her mansion above.

Some die trusting the doctors,
Believing only in things they can see
Like those who bowed to a Golden Calf
How faithless we often can be.

Praise the Lord, she died trusting Him
Who causes the sunshine and rain
Believing that even tho' she lost her life
She would eternally find it again.

The world did not value her singing
So God has called her home
And now she's in the Heavenly choir
Around the great white throne.

I remember the last time I saw her,
It was back in my native land
She was sitting on the doorstep as she waved farewell,
But now tis a beckoning hand.

And friend if we expect to meet her
On that fair and sinless shore;
We must set our house in order
Then sweep around the door.

I thank God for placing these comforting tho'ts,
Into my heart and mind
And surely you'll agree they're not of me
They are so loving and kind.

In memory of Hazel Copehart, by Harris Crawford, 2071 Ave., Miami, Fla.